

Libya top suspect in Heathrow blast

LONDON (AP). — A day after a timebomb tore through the Heathrow airport baggage claim hall crowded with Easter travellers, police said yesterday that they were probing similarities between the device and other bombs aimed at Libyan exiles in Britain.

But an anonymous telephone caller claimed that the Angry Brigade, a shadowy anarchist group, had planted the bomb, which injured 25 people.

Home Secretary Leon Brittan called the bombing a "terrorist outrage" but emphasized that authorities still are unsure whether the explosion was linked to the five-day-old siege at the Libyan Embassy here, from which a gunman sprayed Libyan dissidents with submachine-gun fire on Tuesday.

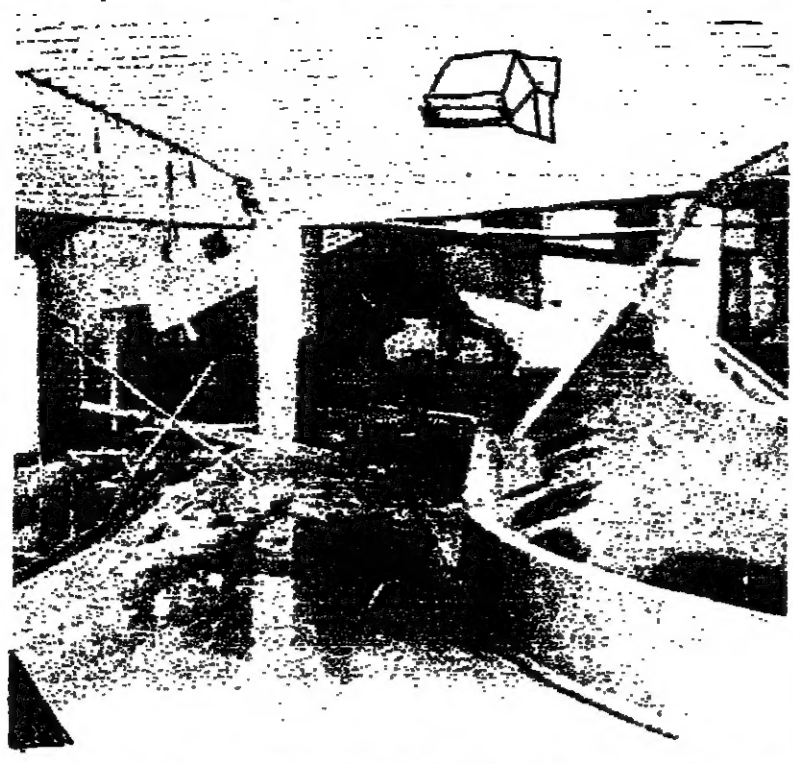
The Foreign Office said that British Ambassador in Tripoli Oliver Miles had put forward new proposals for ending the embassy siege at a meeting yesterday with Libyan Foreign Minister Abdul-Saleem al-Taweiki.

Tripoli Radio described the meeting as "cordial," and "emphasized the anxiety of both countries to do everything to maintain and develop relations between them."

Neither side gave further details of the discussions.

Security was stepped up at Heathrow, with armed uniformed police and bomb-sniffing dogs yesterday, patrolling all terminals, packed with holiday travellers.

The Yard was keeping "an open mind" on possible links with the siege, sparked by the shooting which



This was the damage caused inside Terminal 2 of London's Heathrow Airport after a bomb exploded there on Friday, wounding 25 persons. (UPI telephone)

NEWS BACKGROUND/Pinhas Landau

Big banks take losses and pin blame on gov't

Time has run out for the commercial banks.

The end-of-April deadline for publication of their 1983 balance sheets is at hand, but their struggle to obtain Treasury agreement to changes in taxation and accounting regulations has ended in failure. Only a last-minute change of heart by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad could forestall the need to report major losses for the year one official described as "the worst ever in the history of the Israeli banking system."

The technicalities of the argument between the banks and the Treasury are somewhat esoteric, but the underlying issue is important to every citizen, even if he does not deal directly with any of the banks.

The central role of the banks in every aspect of the Israeli economy is an established fact, desirable or not. The importance of the banks in financing Israel's foreign trade and in channelling direct and indirect investment from both Jewish and non-Jewish sources abroad is also indisputable.

So the banks fear that negative reactions overseas to the publication of large losses in their 1983 profit-and-loss statements may affect not only their own business, but will also hurt every aspect of Israel's ties to the international economy.

The foreign news media have given wide coverage to the economic crisis here, highlighting the collapse of banks shares on the stock market last year. Israel's standing as a borrowing country has been eroded, and even the largest Israeli multi-national companies are reporting greater difficulties in raising loans and equity capital abroad than they have experienced in the past.

So it would seem that the fears expressed by the major banks' front offices are well-grounded and not based solely on selfish considerations. Furthermore, the Bank of Israel supported the commercial banks in their fight with the Treasury, mainly because of these wider considerations. Why, then, were they turned down?

First, some facts. The three big banks — Leumi, Hapoalim and Discount — along with Mizrahi but with notable exception of the First International, chalked up very big losses last year. Between Wednesday of this week and Monday of next week they will announce just how big, but there is no doubt that in inflation-adjusted terms, in line with the new accounting methods, the result will be negative. Some pessimists are predicting that even in nominal, unadjusted shekels, the massive profits of yesteryear will be replaced by red ink.

The two main sources of these losses were the fall in the value of their own shares, which they had been buying up in the "regulation" system, that collapsed last October, and the stiff liquidity penalties which the banks were forced to pay when they exceeded their margins of permitted lending.

Taking the first of these, the banks try to gloss over their borrowing foreign currency abroad and turning it into overvalued shekels to buy their own shares from a panicking public, who rushed to change those same shekels back into dollars in advance of a major devaluation it knew to be inevitable. The government is now the largest shareholder (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

U.S. wants Israeli aid in Central America

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WASHINGTON. — Reagan administration officials are hoping Israel will soon become more active in overtly and covertly supporting U.S. policy aimed at weakening the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua.

The overall subject of closer U.S.-Israeli cooperation in Central America, Africa and elsewhere in the Third World will be the focus of discussions later this week in Washington involving Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche and high-ranking U.S. officials.

Israel will be primarily interested in winning financial support for expanding its agricultural and technical assistance projects in areas, especially in Africa.

Israel would like to receive some contracts from the U.S. Agency for International Development to broaden its own involvement in these countries.

The administration is prepared to cooperate with Israeli assistance schemes, but is more anxious to see a higher Israeli political profile in support of U.S. policy in Central America, which has come under intense criticism from members of Congress.

The Central Intelligence Agency's secret operations aimed at weakening the Nicaraguan government, including mining of Nicaragua's harbours, have seriously eroded bipartisan support on Capitol Hill for the administration's posture.

The administration would like to see Israel encourage its own supporters in the Congress, the Jewish community and elsewhere to become more assertive in backing the "contras," as the anti-Sandinista rebels are known.

In recent months the White House has repeatedly pointed to the close relations between the Nicaraguan government and the PLO. Administration officials have also often noted the other anti-Israel policies of the Sandinistas.

President Reagan, on two recent occasions, told Jewish audiences in Washington and New York that virtually the entire Jewish community of Nicaragua has been forced to flee the country since the revolution.

But Israeli embassy officials in Washington and pro-Israel political

Marcel Janco dies at 89

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Artist Marcel Janco, one of the founders of Europe's Dada movement, died last night in Sheba Hospital here after an illness at the age of 89. His coffin will be placed in the Tel Aviv museum on Tuesday, where the public may pay their respects. Funeral arrangements have not yet been announced. Janco, a native of Rumania, came here during World War II, and was a founder of the Ein Hod artists' village and the "New Horizons" movement. His paintings are displayed in major museums throughout the world.



Marcel Janco. (Blatt)

Two soldiers hurt in Lebanon on weekend

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — An Israeli soldier was slightly wounded Friday in the explosion of a roadside bomb eight kilometres north of the Litani River in South Lebanon. IDF soldiers who carried out searches in the area discovered an additional boobytrap-

Phalange resist Syrian-backed deal Jemayel trying to set up new balance in Beirut

BEIRUT (AP). — Disengagement teams completed their deployment between rival Christian and Moslem militias here yesterday as political moves got under way to weld Lebanon's warring into a national coalition cabinet.

Units of Lebanese police and army conscripts moved into buffer zones around the city's closed port and at the bomb-ravaged downtown commercial district shortly after midnight. The move wound up a two-day deployment along Beirut's "green line."

Police said the operation went off without a hitch and that there had been no skirmishes anywhere along the five-kilometre demarcation line in the past 36 hours.

Fifteen-hundred policemen and conscripts, plus 200 truck observers, are now in position along the mid-city frontline and its southern suburbs. Three hundred other dis-

Shamir scores Beirut unity government

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Shamir said yesterday that an apparent agreement to establish a new Lebanese government marks a further step of surrender to Syria. But he added that Israel does not rule out an agreement with such a government.

Interviewed on Israel Radio, Shamir also said that reports of a build-up of Israeli forces in the Bekaa Valley are totally unfounded. "Whoever is spreading those stories may have certain motives which give us good reason to be on our guard," he said.

Shamir stated that last week's meeting between Lebanese President Jemayel and Syrian President Assad "is an additional step in the direction" of "the Lebanese government's surrender to Syria," that began two months ago with its decision to scrap the peace accord with Israel.

He said he believed the new government would take "more energetic steps to solve Lebanon's internal problems by giving more influence to Syria." But, he said, "Israel does not intervene in the internal affairs of Lebanon and...has no interest in aggravating the situation on (military) lines close to the Syrian Army."

"If the central Lebanese government reaches the point where it can establish its sovereignty in South Lebanon, and if it undertakes to maintain security and prevent the establishment of hostile forces there, then probably we can reach agreement with this government," Shamir said.

Shamir said Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon will take place only when Israel is sure that the security of the border and of our northern settlements is assured. It has nothing to do with the new Lebanese government, he said.

Our aim is to end our military

Egypt breaks with Costa Rica, Salvador

CAIRO. — Egypt has decided to sever diplomatic relations with El Salvador and Costa Rica in reaction to their moving their embassies from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, the official Middle East News Agency said Thursday.

The Al-Kuds (Jerusalem) committee of the Islamic Conference Organization called on all Muslim countries yesterday to break relations with Costa Rica and El Salvador for transferring their embassies to Jerusalem.

The committee was convened in Fez, Morocco, on Thursday and Friday to study the latest developments in the holy city and to examine measures against an eventual transfer of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem. It wound up its session yesterday.

Besides issuing a call for the breaking up of ties with Costa Rica and El Salvador as a warning to the U.S. not to transfer its embassy to Jerusalem, the committee asked Morocco's King Gussse Hassan II to go to the U.S. if necessary to explain the dangers of any such American move.

The Al-Kuds committee is made up of foreign ministers of 14 Muslim countries, the PLO and the secretary-general of the Islamic Conference Organization.

Cost Rica Foreign Minister Carlos Jose Gutierrez said Friday his country would keep its embassy in Jerusalem even if Islamic countries broke off diplomatic relations.

Teenager's diary tells of prayers and privation 113 days hidden in Nazi-occupied Warsaw

LOHAMEI HAGETAOT (Itim). — A diary kept by a 17-4-year-old girl during the first 113 days of the Nazi occupation of Warsaw has been presented by the diarist to the Holocaust memorial museum at this kibbutz in Western Galilee to mark Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Day next Sunday.

Lily Goldenberg, who lives in Tel Aviv, believes she was the last person permitted by the Gestapo to leave Warsaw for Palestine, she told Itim. Prior to her departure, she and another 60 Jews lived hidden in a cellar beneath the town's Hebrew library after their homes were destroyed by the German bombing that preceded the Occupation.

Goldenberg began writing the 54-page diary on September 11, 1939, and she maintained it until the following January 3.

Among those hiding in the cellar was the famous cantor Moshe Koussevitzky who led the High Holiday prayers that year. The services are movingly described in the diary, where the fervour of the worshippers pleading with their God for salvation forms a poignant section.

Goldenberg describes how Jews were snatched from the streets in the first Nazi "actions" in the town and sent to destinations from which there was no return.

She writes of the building of the wall around the ghetto and of the continuing degradation to which the once flourishing community was quickly and increasingly subjected.

After 27 days in the cellar, Lily ventured forth by night to find food. She made her way across the Vistula into the fields, where she gathered some grain which she and her mother later ground into flour to make bread, the first fresh loaf they had eaten in a month.

Prior to the outbreak of the war, Lily had received a certificate to im-

Bomb threats in Peking against Reagan banquet

PEKING (AP). — Police yesterday told a hotel where President Ronald Reagan will give a banquet that they have received bomb threats against him and urged tightened security.

Sources helping to arrange the banquet at the Great Wall Hotel, who spoke on condition they not be identified, said the police did not explain who made the threats or furnish other details.

U.S. Embassy information officer Tony Santis said he had not been informed of any bomb threats, although he is in regular contact with Chinese authorities.

The President and Nancy Reagan are to arrive here Thursday and will stay at the Diaoyutai state guest house, visiting the Great Wall Hotel only once to give an April 28 banquet for Chinese leaders. The hotel is also the press centre.

Reagan's security has been the subject of lengthy negotiations between U.S. officials, the Secret Service and Chinese authorities, who normally take responsibility for protecting visiting dignitaries. He is the first world leader who will bring his own bulletproof limousine to China, and he will travel inside the country in Air Force One, his official plane.

Meanwhile, in Santa Barbara, President Reagan was getting advice from former presidents who have visited China as he continued three days of rest and preparation for his trip.

Senior aides said Reagan called former presidents Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, and Jimmy Carter on Friday "to talk about their trips to China" and brief them on his own plans.

Nixon and Ford visited China while in office, and Carter made the trip in 1981, after leaving office. Reagan will be the first incumbent to visit China since full diplomatic relations were established with Peking in 1979.

Reagan will spend six days in China, three of them in Peking. In the Chinese capital he will hold eight hours of talks with Premier Zhao Ziyang, chief of state Deng Xiaoping and Communist Party chief Hu Yaobang. Reagan will also make an overnight stop in Shanghai.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all those friends, acquaintances and organizations who sent me messages of sympathy on the loss of my husband

LEOPOLD TERNER

The tombstone unveiling will take place on Thursday, April 28, at 3.00 p.m. at the Kfar Samir Cemetery.

A bus will be available at 37 Moriah Avenue at 2.30 p.m.

ESTHER TERNER

THE JERUSALEM POST will not appear tomorrow, the last day of the Pesach holiday. Our next issue will be published on Tuesday.

Thousands throng Old City in Easter weekend worship

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Thousands of Orthodox Christians greeted the appearance of the Holy Fire at a ceremony yesterday in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem with cries of joy that mingled with the ringing of church bells.

The ancient basilica was packed to overflowing and many pilgrims from Greece and Cyprus spent the night in the church to ensure a good spot. Police said that when they arrived in the morning they found many of the barriers, set up to ensure that the processions could pass had been removed.

By 10:30 a.m. entry to the church was stopped, but about half an hour later, a large delegation of Christian youths from Ramle and Lod charged through the crowd with whoops and cries and the beating of a drum to take their place in the section traditionally reserved for them.

As 1 p.m., the hour at which the fire was to appear, approached the atmosphere became more and more charged. As each of the Orthodox sects walked in procession around the tomb of Jesus, according to a schedule strictly regulated by the status quo, each group lingered, trying to spend a few more moments before the tomb.

At one point, a fistfight broke out between young men from the Armenian and the Coptic communities. The police quickly separated them and restored peace.

"To a Westerner the proceedings may not appear very orderly, but the entire ceremony was, in fact, quite orderly this year," an official told *The Jerusalem Post*. A large number of Western Christians were present, including many tourists.

from abroad and a large number of Roman Catholic nuns, monks and priests.

When the fire finally did appear from a window in the tomb, the youths around it fought for the honour of being the first to light their candles. Then acolytes lit large bundles of candles which they carried aloft, running to churches throughout the city. Finally, the faithful in the basilica, who had come equipped with bundles of candles to take home, lit their candles from each other's, so that the entire church was ablaze with light within minutes.

Most candles were soon extinguished, but a few worshippers came ready with lanterns in which they carried the fire with them from the church, to be taken home. Many of the pilgrims, some having saved all their lives to make this visit, wept openly as they received the fire.

The ceremony was preceded the day before by Good Friday processions throughout the day in the Old City, many of the participants carrying large wooden crosses along the Via Dolorosa. This year, with Easter falling on the same date for Western and Eastern Christians, an estimated 30,000 Christian visitors came for the holiday.

Last night, members of the Ethiopian Church, including 250 pilgrims from Ethiopia, held their traditional rites on the roof of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Their service included African elements, such as drums, and a recollection of the link with Passah in the form of the singing of *The Song of the Sea*, in which Moses and the children of Israel rejoiced at crossing the Red Sea.

Today Easter services will be held in Catholic and Protestant churches throughout the country.

BEIRUT UNITY

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Jemayel administration sources said Assad has pledged to prevail upon Syria's Lebanese allies to go along with the equal per-sharing formula and join the projected coalition cabinet.

But Jemayel, a Maronite Catholic, appeared to be running into difficulties with his own Christian camp. The Lebanese Forces militia declared it is boycotting the new cabinet.

"We will not participate in this new government because we consider it is an instrument in the hands of the Syrian government," said Naoum Farah, head of the Foreign Relations Department of the Lebanese Forces. "We object that a domestic affair like a new government is handled directly by the Syrian government."

The Lebanese Forces are openly sympathetic to Israel and favour co-

stitutional reforms that would introduce a "federal" system in Lebanon.

Another dissenter was ex-president Camille Chamoun, a Maronite who heads the National Liberal Party. He declared his party would not join any government headed by Karamah, with whom Chamoun has a long-unresolved political quarrel.

After making the statement, Chamoun met the president and refused to talk to reporters afterward. Pierre Jemayel, the most prestigious Christian politician, who founded the Phalange Party in 1936, publicly backed his son.

"Let everyone know it's not the time for politicking," the senior Jemayel said in a radio statement. "Everyone should rally around the president and join the new government. Let's not talk. Let's do the job."

Chernenko ally seen in rapid rise to power

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Vladimir Dolgikh, a relatively unknown member of the Soviet leadership, has emerged as a potential contender for high office by addressing a key Kremlin rally marking the 114th anniversary of the birth of Vladimir Lenin.

His appearance Friday marked a big change in his political fortunes and also indicated that President

Konstantin Chernenko has begun to strengthen his power and influence within the Communist Party leadership.

Dolgikh, a 59-year-old candidate (non-voting) member of the Politburo, has been identified as a long-time ally of Chernenko. Western diplomats said he now looked destined to rise high on the party ladder.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Kollek still considering independent bid for Knesset

Jerusalem Post Staff
Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek is still considering running independently for the Knesset — as a "last resort."

In an article to be published in *Davar* today, Kolek says the country is in the worst state ever since the early 1950s because of the leadership's "lack of ability to analyze the situation... and lack of courage to act as needed."

Saying he hopes the Alignment will win the elections in July, Kolek outlines two reasons that might impel him to run independently.

The first is the status of Jerusalem. Saying the city needs much more help and encouragement from the government, Kolek suggests stopping all special aid to West Bank settlements and giving it instead to young couples who would settle in the new neighbourhoods around Jerusalem.

"The world, including our American friends, refuses to recognize them (the new neighbourhoods) as part of the city and treats them as part of the West Bank, and the facts being created here are of the utmost importance."

The second issue at stake, Kolek says, is the status of the local authorities, which operate under laws derived from British rule "intended for the natives." Lack of any real authority means that municipalities, "which serve the population from dawn to dusk in all aspects of life," must act according to the dictates of a "government bureaucracy unaware of what is needed and essential."

Such control is wasteful because of many duplications between municipal and government services. It also increases the alienation of

the public from government, he says. Kolek suggests a few years of experimentation in a more free municipal government in Jerusalem.

Weizman appears among Galilee Arabs

NAZARETH. — Ezer Weizman began campaigning among Arab residents here yesterday, saying that his Yahad Party would seek to enhance the rights of the Arab population and to aid its farmers, workers, students and university graduates.

Meanwhile Jewish chairmen of Galilee local councils have failed in attempts to set up an independent list. Instead, a large group of Herut activists in the north are urging their party to give Shaul Amur, Migdal HaEmek local council chairman, a safe slot on its Knesset list.

Liberal workers want safe slots

MK Zvi Renner, chairman of the Liberal Workers' Union in the Liberal Party, wants the party's platform to discuss the union's plans before these are announced to the media, he said during an interview on Israel Radio on Friday.

He said the union, whose request for two assured Knesset seats was voted down at the party centre meeting on Thursday is considering several options, but he would not reveal them.

He admitted that it would not be realistic for the union to run independently in the coming elections because "we, too, have the problem of wanting the Likud to stay in power."

Egypt recalls its consul from Eilat

EILAT (Itim). — The Egyptian consulate here has been closed and Consul Hassan Issa has been recalled to Cairo for consultations following the salvaging of an Israeli yacht off the Sinai coast last week without the permission of Egyptian authorities.

Foreign Ministry sources said last night that they had no knowledge of the consul's recall.

The yacht, which belongs to Eilat hotelier Gad Ben-Ze'ev, ran aground near Ras Bourka about a

year ago. It sank to a depth of about 40 metres.

Ben-Ze'ev said he had hired three divers to salvage the boat. He said that he had stipulated that they obtain the necessary permits for carrying out the operation from the Egyptian consulate and that they were to give him 24-hours notice before setting out. He said that the divers did not honour these terms.

An attempt to salvage the boat a year ago failed.

BIG BANKS

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In most of the banks, following the introduction of the "arrangement" covering the bank shares and subsequent massive purchases in the market to support share prices. So the government, the banks and the accountants were quick to decide that these shares are now really bonds, and the paper losses incurred could be spread over the lifetime of the bond, in this case five years.

But in the matter of the liquidity-fines, the banks proclaim loudly that they are innocent of wrongdoing — in fact that they themselves are the injured party. The fines were incurred because of the monetary policy in force for most of 1983, which was designed to keep the rate of interest artificially low (and so help keep inflation down) while forcing the banks to cut back on the quantity of money they made available to their customers for borrowing. Because the cost of this money to the customer was unreal — less than the rate of inflation — the demand for it was great. The banks ended up lending out too much, and "overdrawn" at their own banker — the Bank of Israel.

On the amounts they were overdrawn, which were very large for most of the last year, the banks had to pay fines which were far greater than the interest they received from their customers on their loans. Worse still, the fines were not recognized as deductible expenses for income-tax purposes, so that their real cost was much greater.

Now the reader should ask if they end up with a loss they will not pay tax anyway, so what difference does it make? Here we come to what, from the banks' point of view, is the unkindest cut of all.

The effects of the 1982 Law on Taxation under Inflationary Conditions were to swell profits in the financial sector in 1982 or 82/83 and

then to almost wipe them out in 1983 or 83/84.

A year ago, the banks reported large nominal profits, and throughout 1983 the banks' monthly advance payments on income taxes were assessed on the basis of the previous year's profits. The advances were high, even though it was obvious the money would have to be returned.

These tax payments, coming from the banks' free funds, caused an even greater overrun of the liquidity margins and brought larger fines. As the months went by the compounded interest on the fines, stemming directly from the stream of tax payments, increased the damage even more.

The advance tax payments will be returned eventually, with some kind of linkage. It is the compounded fines stemming from these payments that the banks sought to have reversed, and that the Treasury was not prepared to forgo. The banks calculate that the overall loss caused by this item runs to \$60 million. Since their loss is the government's gain, it is not difficult to understand the reluctance to give back that sum, particularly since the tax people will see no money from the banks in the normal run of business.

The banks also see the Treasury using them as a convenient whipping-boy, allowing the government to use the banks' unpopularity to cover up what the banks consider to be policy errors made by the government and forced on the banks. The extreme form of this argument is that the banks wanted to stop regulating share prices but the government would not let them.

Another aspect of monetary policy that caused significant losses was the Bank of Israel's refusal to pay the banks any interest on the \$1 billion which the public held last year in non-interest bearing Patam accounts and which the banks had to redeposit at the central bank. The money was therefore "dead" to the bank, but they still had the expense of running the account as a cost factor — which, again, the Bank of Israel prevented the banks from passing on to their customers.

In short, the banks claim that government and Bank of Israel policies in 1983 caused much of the large loss that they will spew out in the coming days. There is almost certainly much truth in their claims, but in the present pre-election climate they will get even shorter shrift than would otherwise be the case. Nobody likes them anyway, and they feel hemmed in by antagonism from all sides — government, media and public.

But as Henry Kissinger pointed out, even paranoids can have real enemies. If their counterparts abroad catch a fright from what they see and hear from the leaders of the Israeli banking scene in the next few days, the results will be felt not only in the plush offices on Yehuda Halevi and Rothschild but also — maybe primarily — in every town and community in the country.

The weather at major Swissair destinations

	20.4.1984	MIN	MAX	
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AMSTERDAM	12	54	18	Clear
BRUSSELS	8	47	22	Clear
BUENOS AIRES	11	50	18	Rain
CHICAGO	1	34	13	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	0	43	13	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	2	38	18	Clear
GENEVA	2	36	18	Clear
HELSINKI	3	27	7	Clear
HONG KONG	20	65	26	Cloudy
JOHANNESBURG	10	50	23	Clear
LISBON	15	59	28	Clear
LONDON	11	52	21	Clear
MADRID	6	43	26	Clear
MONTREAL	2	38	16	Cloudy
NEW YORK	8	48	16	Clear
OSLO	5	41	7	Clear
PARIS	10	50	23	Clear
RIO DE JANEIRO	21	70	34	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	18	64	30	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	7	45	3	Rain
TOKYO	10	50	15	Cloudy
TORONTO	8	48	16	Clear
VIA NNA	3	34	9	Rain
ZURICH	2	36	11	Clear

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to cloudy; rain spreading from north to centre.
Forecast for Monday: Same.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	53	5-16	14
Golan	42	5-17	12
Safed	54	8-15	12
Haifa Port	64	14-20	18
Tiberias	32	10-24	21
Nazareth	46	10-18	16
Afula	52	8-21	19
Shomron	50	8-18	15
Tel Aviv	52	12-20	19
B-G Airport	45	9-21	20
Jericho	23	10-27	25
Gaza	70	14-20	19
BeerSheva	34	9-22	21
Eilat	16	16-28	27

ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Scrop, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Scrop, who, together with Rabbi Louis Bernstein, will be honoured at the 2nd Annual Scholarship Dinner Yeshivat Hadarom and the Gan Yavne Youth Village, at the Knesset on Wednesday evening, April 25.

Three 'TNT' suspects charged with attacks

The Jerusalem District Attorney officially presented charges on Friday against three Ein Karem men, for conspiring to attack Christian and Moslem sites in that neighbourhood and other areas of Jerusalem, and for illegal possession of weapons.

Uri Ben-Ayun, 24, David Deri, 23, and Deri's cousin Amram Deri, 26, were arrested at the beginning of the month. Police say that they, along with Amram Deri's 22-year-old brother Zvi, were the group calling itself Terror Against Terror, or TNT. Zvi Deri was recently released and will testify against the other three as a prosecution witness.

Police said the suspects were involved with two grenade attacks against Christian religious sites on Mt. Zion and in Ein Karem, and other attacks in Al-Azaria and Beit Safafa. (Itim)

Child killed in hit-and-run

RAMAT NASHARON (Itim). — Eight-year-old Lior Keren-Zvi was fatally injured here last night when he was struck by a car while riding his bicycle. The driver fled the scene, and police are investigating.

Transport Minister Maim Corfu on Friday reported that over the past three months the traffic courts, which began operating at the end of January, have tried some 6,000 offenders.

Corfu said that in some of the cases, offenders received fines of more than IS100,000 and that most offenders' driving licences were suspended for periods of three months to one year.

The traffic courts try persons charged with serious traffic offences within 48 hours of the infraction.

Georgian immigrant tops Yiddish song festival

TEL AVIV (Itim). — An audience of 3,000 awarded first place in the 10th Festival of Yiddish Songs to a new immigrant from Georgia, Yosef Adzhevili, at the Mann Auditorium here on Thursday night.

In Memoriam, 45th Yohrzeit

"Reb" SHMUEL GLOVSKY aged 65 died 21st of Nissan, 1939, in Jerusalem.

Mr. Shmuel Glovsky had many achievements. A religious Zionist and patriot from Volhovich, czarist Russia, in 1882 upon completing his military service in the czar's army, he with his new bride, Fanny Lapin, and her parents, Israel and Rebecca Collier Lapin, made aliya to Palestine. They were early settlers and builders of Mea She'arim. Later, because of hard times in Turkish Palestine, they emigrated to Salem Massachusetts and then to Portland, Maine, where Mr. Glovsky became a successful businessman.

In 1925, he and his wife together with their eleven-year-old daughter, Ruth, retired to Mea She'arim. Mr. Glovsky was a lover of the Torah and supported many yeshivas, especially the Hebron Yeshiva (which president Haim Herzog of Israel later attended). The family homestead at 91 Mea She'arim Rd., a three store and nine apartment structure, was donated by Mr. Glovsky and his wife to the Hebron Yeshiva. Mr. Shmuel Glovsky was affectionately referred to as Reb Shmuel by the many yeshiva bocherim he aided financially. Reb Shmuel delighted in being able to distribute challahs on Friday to the needy.

Mr. Glovsky and his wife Fanny were the parents of 16 children. The philanthropist, Mrs. Ruth Glovsky Langer of Jerusalem, is the only surviving child.

Reb Shmuel Glovsky was buried on the Mount of Olives. He is remembered and beloved by all the family.

The Langer-Woolf Family Mizva Foundation
One Mapu St., Jerusalem and Hull, Massachusetts



Barbara Kotz, a pilgrim from Vienna, makes her way on Good Friday, on her knees and with her head bound with thorns, along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the traditional site of Jesus' crucifixion. (Rahamim Israel)

'Haredim' confiscate, burn bread in Petah Tikva raid

PETAH TIKVA

(Itim). — Dozens of members of this town's *haredi* (ultra-Orthodox) community on Friday raided a bakery and confiscated and burned some 300 *pitotot*.

"I was afraid, I had a heart attack recently, so I told them the *pitotot* weren't mine. They took them away and burned them near the ritual bath," said Ezra Hal, the bakery owner. He said he had baked the flat Arab bread on Passah for the past 15 years without any interference.

Meanwhile, in another move to halt recently instituted Friday cinema shows in the town, the Likud faction in the city council, together with the Public Committee to Preserve the Sabbath, on Friday sought an injunction from the High Court ordering Mayor Dov Tavori to forbid the Heichal Cinema here

from showing films on Friday nights.

High Court President Justice Meir Shamgar refused to grant the injunction. He ordered that the request be heard by a three-judge panel and at the earliest opportunity. Shamgar said that Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir should consider participating in the discussion.

The cinema again screened a film on Friday night. Among those outside was MK Shulamit Aloni who said that religious pressure against the Sabbath screening must be withstood. Aloni said that while there was no law to stop the sale of leavened products on Passah, it is tactless to do so publicly where there is a large religious community.

Aloni was the focus of jeers and curses from demonstrating *haredim* outside the cinema.

Pyramid closure caused by tear gas

CAIRO (AP). — Chemists of Egypt's Antiquities Department on Friday identified the gas that had forced the three-day closure of the country's second-largest pyramid as a type of tear gas called CS, according to the Middle East News Agency.

The report theorized that the substance might have leaked from a self-defence device of the type popular in some European and American cities. It said such a device might have been inadvertently dropped by a tourist, but there was no mention of one being found.

Last Monday, visitors to the 4,600-year-old Chephren pyramid complained they had suffered eye irritation and breathing difficulties inside the stone shafts and burial

chamber. Authorities declared the pyramid off-limits and called chemical experts.

Armenians to observe anniversary of killings

HAIFA. — The Armenian community will mark the 69th anniversary of the slaughter of the Armenians by the Ottoman empire with a procession and memorial meetings here on Tuesday.

This procession is to start at 2 p.m. from the Armenian club, at 12 Sderot Zionat, pass along Khoury and Hassan Shukry streets to the district court building, and end at the Armenian Church on Rehov Khoury, where a mourning service will be held. At 5 p.m. a memorial meeting is to be held at the club.

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Funeral Tuesday.

Details in Ha'aretz-Tuesday. David and Daniel Benor

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The funeral will take place today, Sunday, April 22, 1984, setting out at 11 a.m. from the entrance to Har Hamenuhot Cemetery, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem.

Sophia and Gavriel Kantor

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Mr. S. Zalman Abramov and his family

on the passing of their

Mother

NEWS BACKGROUND/Ya'acov Friedler

No real new role given to Unifil

HAIFA. — The UN Security Council's last-minute extension of the mandate of Unifil, the UN Interim Force in Lebanon, just before it was due to expire at midnight on Thursday stresses the interim nature of the force.

"It does not give us any real new role, or suggestion for one," Unifil spokesman Tumor Goksel told *The Jerusalem Post* on Friday.

The Unifil command was taken back, expecting that at least some of the speculations increasing their role would be realized, *The Post* learned.

The extension was the 14th for the force, which was established by the Security Council in March 1978, to take over some of the territory vacated by the IDF after the Litani campaign.

"We'll just be staying on, doing what we have been doing and waiting for the future," the council resolution says nothing about new directions to Unifil; (it) only asks the

UN secretary general to consult with Israel and Lebanon, the parties concerned, Goksel noted.

"We will continue to establish as much security as possible in our areas, in accordance with the duties and obligations we have to the population."

Goksel said his force is kept busy by the proliferation of car bombs and booby traps. "We are real middle-men now," he said, conceding, however, that "we are not now an ideal peace administration."

Unlike the UN Disengagement Observation Force on the Golan Heights whose mandate is regularly extended every six months, Unifil has had periods of six months extensions interspersed with two and three months stints, as its role was pondered by the council in light of changing situations, including Israel's invasion of Lebanon in June 1982.

Its authorized strength calls for 7,000 men, but it is now down to 5,800.

The men are provided by Fiji, Finland, France, Ghana, Holland, the Irish Republic, Norway and Senegal. Sweden sends medical personnel and Italy provides a helicopter wing.

Between April 2 and 15 Goksel noted numerous incidents in the forces territory. Thus, French troops intervened in el-Mjadel and el-Bazuriyah where tires were burned and roads were blocked to protest against Israeli forces. In another incident, a French patrol found and dismantled an explosive device in a culvert under the road north of Kana.

An explosive device found in an orange grove west of Henniyyeh was also dismantled by Unifil's French engineers, while a roadside bomb discovered near Kfar Doumine, was safely dealt with by Unifil engineers.

Goksel also reported on the denial of entry to 29 "militiamen" at Finis, Irish and Norwegian checkpoints during the fortnight.

Nothing new in Pope's Mideast letter

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Israel remains untroubled by the pope's call last week for an internationally guaranteed status for Jerusalem. Israeli officials say no diplomatic action on their part is required because the pope's call represents no change in the Vatican's long-established policy on Jerusalem.

For the past dozen years, the officials say, the Holy See had been advocating an "internationally guaranteed status" for Jerusalem. This is different from "internationalization" of the city which was the Holy See's position until the beginning of the 1970s.

The pope's words last week, in an Apostolic Letter, were initially misreported or mistranslated in some Israeli media, and the impression was created that the Vatican had slid back to the "internationalization" demand.

Pope John Paul II also called for a Palestinian homeland, but this was also not a new formulation on his part, according to Israeli officials. He has used it several times over recent years, and Vatican diplomats have sought to distinguish, in private conversations, between this wording and an outright call for an independent Palestinian state.

As a third prerequisite for Mideast peace, the pontiff urged security and tranquility for Israel.

While technically the Apostolic Letter, addressed to Catholics in the Holy Land and all people in the Middle East, denoted no change of policy, its overall tenor was plainly not to Israel's liking. A Foreign Ministry spokesman noted in an official response that Jerusalem was the capital of the Jewish state thousands of years ago, and that in modern times Israel was the first to ensure full freedom of access to all holy places.

On the Palestinians the spokesman stated that "All peace-lovers" could find an equitable solution within the framework agreement signed at Camp David.

Acre flower show causes traffic snarl

ACRE (Iim). — Acre police were forced to close a flower exhibition yesterday afternoon after the vehicles of thousands of people who came to see the display brought city streets to a standstill.

Police and exhibition organizers speculated that many of the people came to see the flowers after highlights of the display were shown on television Friday night.

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Burg seeks to mollify miffed anti-terror unit

Interior Minister Yosef Burg has implicitly apologized to the Border Police's special anti-terror unit for their not having been used to storm the hijacked Tel Aviv-Ashkelon bus.

Burg, guest of the Border Police at a Pessah gathering last week, said he was confident of the unit's ability to act effectively against terrorists anywhere and under any circumstance.

On April 12, a bus travelling from Tel Aviv to Ashkelon was hijacked by three residents of the Gaza Strip. As the hijackers held the passengers hostage through the night, the anti-terror squad stood by ready to storm the bus. Eventually an army unit was sent in, after which members of the Border Police unit were said to have expressed frustration and resentment at their exclusion from the action. (Iim)

Haifa firefighters begin work sanctions

HAIFA. — The city's 90 firemen have begun a work action to press their demands for wage rises and equal pay with their Tel Aviv colleagues, *The Jerusalem Post* was told Friday.

The firemen are working according to Sabbath and holiday schedules, virtually halting administrative work, but all emergency calls are being answered.

Haifa fire brigade spokesman Marco Kimchi said the action, which began last week, was not interfering with services to the public.

WALL STREET WEEK

Market bogs down awaiting signal on economy's growth

NEW YORK (AP). — The stock market keeps focusing on the economy, and the market's behaviour of late shows that focus to be anything but sharp.

For the past several weeks, the debate has centred on whether the economy's expansion is slowing or not — a difficult task since economies do not change direction quickly.

Amid the debate, the stock market has bogged down in a so-called trading range pending some signal that could move prices in a definite, sustained direction.

But investors are not about to stop guessing about the economy's growth, since it determines the direction of interest rates and inflation.

Last week, the Commerce Department said the economy had expanded strongly by 8.3 per cent in the first quarter, well above the annual rate most economists had predicted.

Growth at that rate unnerves Wall Street since it increases the credit demands of businesses, which, together with the Treasury's credit needs, raises the upward

pressure on lending charges.

But Wall Street is more concerned with the second and third quarters, and that is where the focus gets hazy.

Some observers suggest that given 8.3 per cent growth, it is nearly inevitable that the economy is slowing. A boon for stocks?

Not necessarily, others say. Just because the economy is moderating, is it moderating to the point where rates will not only stop going up, but actually fall? If not, perhaps stocks are not the investment of choice.

For the manager of a multimillion-dollar investment portfolio, for example a pension fund, this debate makes for some tough decisions. John Mendelson, senior vice president of Dean Witter Reynolds Inc., proposed last week being "fully invested" in stocks because stocks could well be in a broad rebound this summer.

But Leon Cooperman and Steven Einhorn, market strategists for Goldman, Sachs and Co., proposed nearly the opposite, writing that "there is no reason to expect a sustained rise in the (stock) market at this time," and suggesting portfolio managers keep a "near maximum cash representation" and "a near minimum equity representation."

In other words, the best offence for now is a good defence, at least in terms of the stock market.

Yet the market managed a modest advance this past week, its second straight weekly gain.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks gained 7.95 to 1,158.08, but that was still down 128.56 points from its 1984 high of 1,286.64, reached on January 6.

The New York Stock Exchange Composite Index edged up 0.38 to 90.89 and the American Stock Exchange Market Value Index rose 1.36 to 207.93.



The person in the photo is a woman, possibly a student, sitting on a bench in a public area. The photo is credited to (Rahabim Israeli).

Israel 'astonished' at recall of Egypt's Salvador envoy

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Foreign Ministry expressed "astonishment" Friday after the Egyptian ambassador to El Salvador recalled following the shifting to Jerusalem of the Salvadoran Embassy.

The Egyptian chargé d'affaires in Israel, Mohammed Abdel Aziz Bassouny, was invited to the ministry where Zvi Kedat, deputy director-general for Middle East affairs, told him of the government's "profound astonishment" over the Egyptian action.

The ministry expressed surprise at Egypt's "interference" in the relations between Israel and another

country, which is contrary to the 1979 Israel-Egypt peace treaty.

Astonishment was also expressed at a recent statement by Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali which justified terrorist actions and their intensification against Israel.

The ministry also took exception to Ghali's reference to so-called Israeli disregard for Palestinian rights, and to his description of Israeli treatment of the Palestinians as "armed terror without parallel in human history."

"These things are hostile propaganda, encourage terrorism and are contrary to the peace treaty," said the ministry spokesman.

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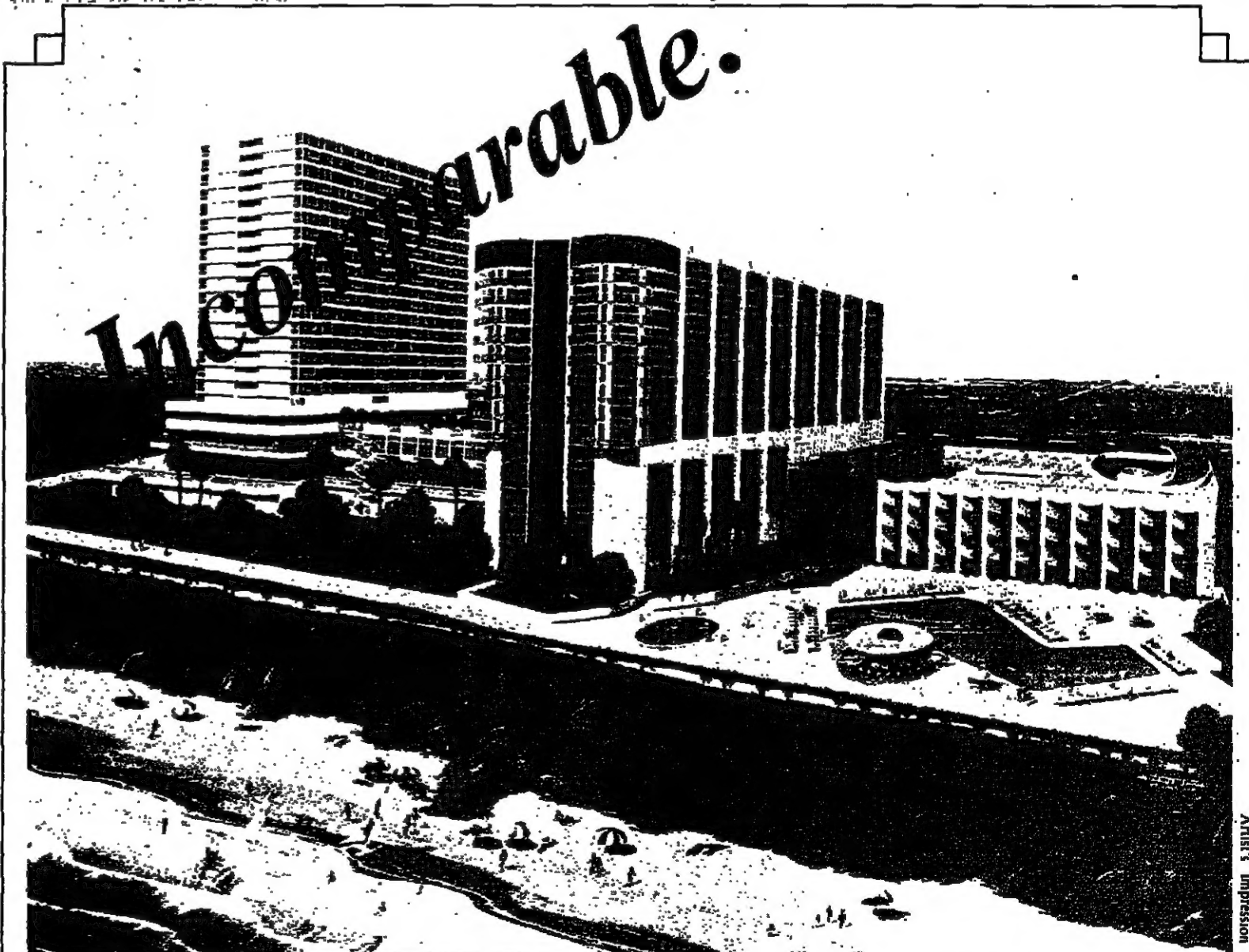


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UK wants some post-1997 autonomy for Hongkong

HONGKONG (AP) — British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe's statement that Britain will relinquish sovereignty over this colony in 1997 drew mixed reaction here yesterday.

Some said Friday's statement unveiled some of the secrecy surrounding the Sino-British negotiations that started in Peking 19 months ago, but others expressed doubt about whether China would keep its promise of allowing Hongkong to maintain its present capitalistic system for 50 years after the

Chinese takeover.

Howe, who arrived on Wednesday from the Chinese capital after discussing this colony's future with top Chinese leaders, including Deng Xiaoping, told a news conference that his government seeks an agreement with China that would allow Hongkong to have "a high degree of autonomy" under Chinese sovereignty that would preserve the way of life in Hongkong, together with essentials of the present system.

He also said both governments

realize the importance of Hongkong maintaining its international trade links.

"I don't think Sir Geoffrey made a gloomy statement and it should not come as a shock to Hongkong people," said Allen Lee, unofficial member of the legislative Council.

The Council, Hongkong's law-making body, has been one of the most vocal groups here in demanding that Britain bring the contents of the negotiations into the open.

Yu Pun-Hoi, a spokesman for the

Hongkong Observers, a pressure group consisting of intellectuals and professionals, said Howe has succeeded in "removing a great deal of uncertainty." But he expressed disappointment that the current system would be continued for only 50 years after 1997.

There was no official comment in London on Howe's statement. British newspapers pointed out that he made his announcement on the first morning of a four-day Easter holiday to mute the impact on Hongkong's financial markets.

Freak U.S. storm kills 1, injures 4

NEW YORK (AP) — A huge storm blasted much of the U.S. yesterday, with up to 51 centimetres of snow halting Eastern travel in some parts of the west, hail and tornadoes in southwestern states, and heavy rain in some areas of the Midwest.

A tornado killed a 38-year-old woman camper and injured at least four other people in Lake Canton, Oklahoma, on Friday, and an 8-year-old girl was left sitting in a field after a twister destroyed a mobile home near Valley View, Texas.

In Colorado, where ranchers unable to reach young livestock predicted heavy losses of lambs and calves, up to 155cm. of snow was expected before skies began to clear yesterday.

Flash flood warnings were up in Kansas and Missouri as the storm's

centre moved eastward from central Oklahoma.

Four people were rescued yesterday from two cars in Missouri's Polk County after 15cm. of water rose around them in 15 minutes.

"They were just caught in low areas," said Eric Lawrence of the Polk County Sheriff's Department.

At the same time, southern Texas was roasting in record heat that hit 41 degrees centigrade on Friday in Del Rio.

Blast kills 22 miners

BELGRADE (AP) — At least 22 miners were killed and 11 others were injured yesterday in a methane gas explosion at a coal mine in central Serbia, the national news agency Tanjug reported.

U.S. warns East Europeans against ties with terrorists

NEW YORK (AP) — Six Eastern European countries have been warned by the Reagan administration that improved relations with the U.S. hinge on their rejection of the Palestinians and other "international terrorists," according to a report appearing yesterday in *The New York Times*.

The administration also told the governments of Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, and Rumania that relations with the U.S. were contingent on their ceasing espionage activities and observing American export laws.

The warnings were delivered last month by R. Mark Palmer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, in separate meetings with the ambassadors of each country.

Administration officials told *The Times* that no specific charges were

made at the meetings with Palmer, but that he conveyed a message regarding U.S. concerns over the general behaviour of the Eastern European countries.

Officials said the concern over the countries' conduct was spurred by information that the Bulgarians had provided training and aid for terrorists, including Mehmet Ali Agca, the would-be assassin of Pope John Paul II.

According to *The Times*, the Bulgarians also were accused of helping finance and train Italy's Red Brigades, while the East Germans reportedly trained security people and provided equipment for revolutionaries in Central America and Africa.

The report said the Americans wanted to keep last month's warnings secret, but officials of the countries involved spoke with reporters about the story, prompting a release of more details.

China pleased with new satellite

PEKING (AP) — Defence Minister Zhang Aiping said in an interview published Friday that the country's latest satellite, beaming television programmes from space, is no longer experimental and may enable China to communicate better with nearby nations.

Zhang said the satellite, launched on April 8 and positioned at a fixed spot above earth on April 16, "will now be put into regular service."

since telecommunications, radio and television transmission tests have been successfully conducted.

Because of the satellite's capabilities, he said, "there is the possibility for China to have telecommunication links with its neighbours."

Western diplomatic sources said the launch was a major advance in China's space technology.

Nicaragua: Rebel-held port retaken

MANAGUA (Reuters) — Nicaragua insisted on Friday that its troops hold the tiny Caribbean port of San Juan del Norte captured by rebels the previous week.

The official state radio, the Voice of Nicaragua, carried what it said were interviews with Sandinist soldiers from the village who said they had retaken it last Tuesday.

Earlier, spokesmen for the rebels of the Costa Rican-based

Revolutionary Democratic Alliance (ARDE) said its forces had pulled out of San Juan del Norte but controlled the harbour and a 50-km. stretch of beachhead. They added that mortar fire had prevented the Sandinists from entering the village, located 2km. from the border with Costa Rica.

But the Voice of Nicaragua said government troops were in San Juan del Norte.

Bangladesh and India clash on fence

DACCA, Bangladesh (AP) — Security forces of Bangladesh and India on Friday exchanged fire in Kurigram district where Indians have been erecting barbed-wire fencing despite repeated protests from Dacca, the Bangladesh Foreign Ministry said.

According to the Eastern News Agency, one Bangladesh border security patrolman was injured when Indian border security forces began firing light machine guns in the Bhawalpur-Ramrakuthi sector where India began work on the fence on April 2. The agency said the clash continued for more than half an hour.

Turkey sentences 14 Kurds to death

ANKARA (AP) — A military court in the eastern Turkish province of Adana sentenced 14 convicted Kurdish terrorists to death and four others to life imprisonment, the martial law command announced on Friday.

Forty-five defendants received jail terms ranging from one year to 20 years and 113 others were acquitted, the semi-official Anatolia agency reported.

The defendants were convicted of attempting to set up a Marxist-Leninist Kurdish state in eastern Turkey, 15 political killings, several woundings, bombings and armed robberies, the dispatch said.

Gandhi party leader shot in Sikh violence

CHANDIGARH (AP) — Sikh terrorists gunned down a Hindu and seriously wounded a leader of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress Party, as authorities extended curfews yesterday in four cities in troubled Punjab state.

Three Sikh extremists shot Congress Party leader Bal Mukand about 250 km. northwest of Chandigarh and then escaped. Mukand, a Hindu, was admitted to a hospital in the Sikh holy city of Amritsar.

An unidentified Hindu was shot and killed by Sikh militants in Ferozepur district, west of Chandigarh, Punjab police said.

A Sikh dissident leader, meanwhile, escaped an ambush attack by Sikh terrorists while travelling in a van outside Amritsar.

In neighbouring Haryana state, a former state legislator was arrested yesterday in connection with a terrorist attack on a police patrol. Two policemen and a cab driver were slain last Thursday in the attack 50 km. south of Chandigarh.

Bachhitar Singh, the arrested politician, is a member of the Akali Dal, the main Sikh Party agitating for more political and religious freedoms in Punjab. Bachhitar Singh's son is suspected to have been one of the four assailants in the Thursday shootout.

A Sikh police constable, Kuldeep Singh, was arrested earlier on charges of masterminding the terrorist attack on the police patrol.

Meanwhile, mourners at the funeral of a slain Hindu turned violent and attacked Sikhs in the town of Karnal in Haryana. Four people were reported injured, one seriously.

The Hindu was fatally knifed by unidentified Sikhs on Friday.

Curfews were extended until tomorrow in Chandigarh, joint capital of Punjab and Haryana, Patiala, Moga and Bagha-Purana.

Former Yugoslav leader Djilas held by police

BELGRADE (AP) — Former Yugoslav vice-president Milovan Djilas and 27 other people were arrested on Friday on suspicion of "hostile activity," the national news agency Tanjug reported yesterday.

They were released yesterday. Quoting a brief statement by local police, the agency said they were arrested for questioning following reports "by citizens about a gathering of a large number of unknown persons" in a downtown flat.

Djilas's wife Stefanija told friends later that her husband was arrested when he returned home from the gathering. Police searched their apartment and took articles and books, some critical of the government, which Djilas had published abroad since 1966.

It was not clear whether the other 27 people were arrested in the flat where the meeting took place.

"The basis for the detention was that among those detained are several persons who were earlier sentenced for hostile activity and that certain written materials were found in their possession," said Tanjug.

East Bloc foreign ministers support new talks with West

BUDAPEST (Reuters) — Hungary yesterday said a Warsaw Pact foreign ministers meeting here last week indicated that the pact nations still see East-West talks possible despite frozen relations between the two power blocs for half a year.

"The foreign ministers of the Warsaw Treaty member states obviously hold that channels of top East-West communication have not become clogged in the past six months," a commentary in the Communist Party daily *Magyar Hirlap* said.

"The Warsaw Treaty foreign ministers clearly stated their readiness to hold constructive talks on every aspect of the mutual interest of ensuring peace in Europe," it said.

The two-day foreign ministers meeting ended Friday with a communiqué declaring "there is no question that could not be solved through negotiation" and a statement that talks could start, but only if the West withdrew the missiles deployed by the U.S. in Europe last winter.

The meeting was the first since the deployment, a move which

prompted Moscow to break off nuclear disarmament talks in Geneva.

Meanwhile the Communist Party daily *Pravda* yesterday rejected the latest U.S. overture at the Vienna troop talks, and said the proposals do not represent "even a semblance" of a compromise.

The 11-year-old Vienna talks to reduce the size of Nato and Warsaw Pact armies in Europe have been deadlocked over how to verify any cutbacks and over figures on how many troops are deployed in Europe.

On the second issue, the U.S. has now said it would shelve its complaint that the Soviets underestimate their troop strength by up to 180,000 men.

There has been no formal response to the proposal in Vienna. But *Pravda* dismissed the concession and said the Soviets are not willing to accept even scaled-down U.S. estimates of the Kremlin's military presence in Europe. *Pravda* repeated Soviet claims that the U.S. is deliberately overestimating Soviet troop strength.

Greece: No more torture or secret files

ATHENS (AP) — Premier Andreas Papandreu announced on Friday that secret files on the political activities of Greek citizens will be destroyed and all forms of torture will be banned by law.

Papandreu said the new measures "symbolically" marked the anniversary of Greece's April 21, 1967 military coup by "absolutely expressing the widespread desire for democratic individual rights and freedom."

The premier said the confidential files will be destroyed throughout

Greece next month in the presence of local and police officials.

Earlier this year, Public Order Minister Yiannis Skoularikis said previous governments had compiled 12 million secret files since World War II on individual political activities and said "this is an outlandish situation in a nation of less than 10 million."

Papandreu also said a draft law outlawing torture and making "all forms of violence which offend human dignity" punishable offences will shortly be introduced to parliament.

Europeans march against Turkish 'barbarity'

PARIS (Reuters) — More than 200 people began marching from Paris to Strasbourg yesterday as part of a European campaign by Turkish exiles protesting against the civilian government in Ankara and Turkey's human-rights record.

Organizers said they expected other people including French, Armenian and Iranian supporters to join the 384-kilometre trek by May 9 when the Council of Europe is to decide whether 12 newly elected Turkish delegates can take their seats on the council's assembly. The 21-nation body, based in

Strasbourg, represents Europe's parliamentary democracies.

"Turkey is becoming the Gulag of the Western world and of Nato," one of the organizers said, citing recent reports of alleged torture and mistreatment of inmates in Turkish jails. "For it to be accepted by the council will have grave consequences for democratic institutions," he said.

Turkey has not been represented in the assembly since the 1980 military coup, but has remained a member of the council's Committee of Ministers.

Vote affirms unity of French gov't

PARIS (AP) — Communist deputies in the National Assembly formally endorsed the policies of the country's ruling socialists Friday under pressure to support President Mitterrand's economic strategy or face expulsion from the government.

Had the Communists failed to support the government, it would almost certainly have meant the dismissal of four Communist cabinet ministers and a complete rupture of the uneasy three-year political alliance between the two leftist parties.

All 43 Communist deputies gave the government a vote of confidence. The opposition Conservatives cast 156 no votes. The Socialists, who control 263 of the 491 seats, voted yes, along with the radicals, who hold 29 seats. The

final vote was 329-156 for the government with "one" abstention and five absentees.

With their absolute majority, the socialists were never in danger of losing the vote and being forced to resign. But the Socialists called for the vote to force the Communists to drop their open criticism of the government's economic austerity and industrial policies.

Zanzibar approves acting president

ZANZIBAR (Reuters) — Ali Hassan Mwinyi has been elected president of Zanzibar, taking 87.5 per cent of the vote in a "yes" or "no" poll to replace Aboud Jumbe, who resigned in January, election officials announced yesterday.

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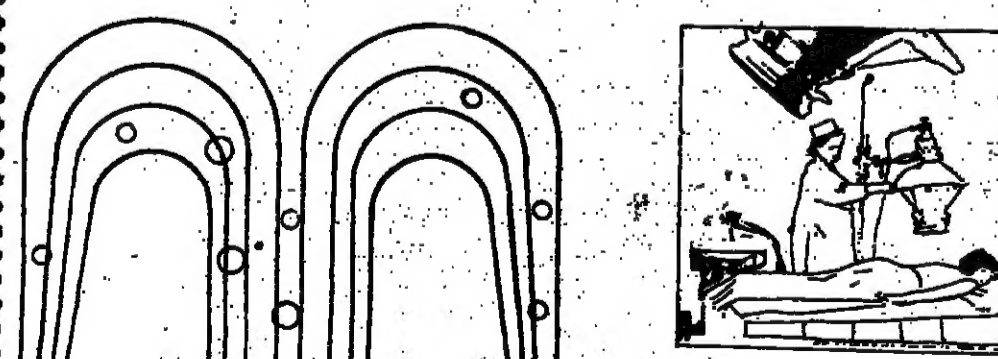
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Cottoning on to Spring

Clean, pure and simple — that's the line for Fashion now, writes Greer Fay Cashman.

On the diagonal (left) — Maskit's easy-going day dress. Stone-bleached jeans and tank top by Levi's (centre) for ultra casual wear. Elegant '30s look for summer evenings (right), by Judith Muller. Harem-scarum look (below), by Rosh Indani.

SPRING is bouncing in on an optimistic note: The murky hues of the cold season are being eased out by bold reds, blues, yellows, pristine whites and dramatic blacks. Hovering on the periphery of the spring palette are soft powder blues and pinks, ivory and fresh butter yellow, as well as the earth and stone tones which are hangovers from the previous season.

The Japanese silhouette, which has been conquering the runways since the 1970s, is still in evidence, but more refined and less ethnic. Clean, pure and simple: the Japanese cuts stand out sharply in contrast to the nostalgic boom embracing the revived drapes, pleats and swinging panels of the 1930s and 1940s.

With few fashion constraints surviving the tide of time, a potpourri of styles is constantly in evidence and both inventive and appealing. The only thing the collections have in common is their fabric: cotton.

By far the most outstanding original and imaginative creations are those that have been designed for Rosh Indani by Yardena Ziv, Ilana Coppel and Yuval Caspin.

He theatrically inclined trio has a no-holds-barred attitude to fashion and a delicious sense of the impromptu. They effectively utilize scarves and scraps for added panache to garments which are attention-getters with or without an extra scarf in the wind, shoulder drape or waist interest.

At first glance, Rosh Indani seems to be solely youth-oriented. But once the middle-aged matron

gets past the torso-revealing harem outfits, the midriff exposures in skirts (which start at the hip-bone and blouses which skim the top of the belly button), and the back-snap romper suits which should be worn down the street only by women without a single gram of unwanted flab, there are lots of choices. Voluminous tunics paired with baggy, pull-on pants extending to mid-calf hide a multitude of calories. Conventional square-pocketed blazers, when teamed with draped and floppy riding pants and bandeau top, look anything but conservative.

Rosh Indani, in Tel Aviv's Montefiore Street, is worth a visit for aesthetic — and economic — reasons. Most garments are priced well below \$4,000. (Incidentally, some of the country's leading entertainers buy their on-stage and off-stage gear at Rosh Indani.)

As an extra service to the general public, Rosh Indani has opened a coffee-shop on its factory premises. Patrons can see at least one fashion show a day plus video screenings of the latest Parisian fashions. "Image counsellors" there also give advice on wardrobe coordination, accessories and hairstyles. Make-up and hair-dressing consultants are on hand as well.

Gideon Oberson, who caters to a more affluent clientele, has injected a new youthful verve into his collection, but continues to work mainly in luxury fabrics such as pure silk, crepe georgette and high-quality linens and cottons.

Oberson's mood is one of casual elegance. Shapes — even when con-

structed — are fluid, with accents on comfort and mobility. He appears to be excessively preoccupied with details and focuses on pleats, spangles and butterfly-knot ribbons.

Subtlety is currently not his strong suit. Detail, in most cases, is the dominant. A collarless jacket with high, rounded shoulders, sacrifices its classicism to scattered bows. Skippy cap-sleeved tops ripple with horizontal pleating.

Oberson also does some interesting things with vertical and curved pleats. Sequins are not mere adornments but carefully contrived geometries and asymmetries winking en masse against a blouson backdrop.

Beautician and perfumer Judith Muller impressively makes up for last year's disappointing fashion debut with a second collection of stylish sportswear and graceful romanticism.

Accentuating the positive and eliminating the negative the collection is everything that fashion should be.

Shapes are flattering with swishing skirts frequently flaring out from beneath the hip. Sophisticated peasantry lends a rustic mood, and nifty nauticals featuring cropped, wide-banded blousons beneath huge sailor collars unapologetically spell out a ship aho message.

Muller hits the spot for casual elegance with a series of polka-dotted separates in which short-sleeved button-through tops are paired with scalloped skirts. The tops can be worn as blouses or jackets, with the end effect



depending on the choice of belt. This is a collection for women who enjoy looking feminine.

Maskit differs from other fashion houses in its attitudes to change. Whereas most manufacturers and designers ride with the tide, sometimes to radical extremes, Maskit as a matter of policy, retains a thread of continuity, a certain look which is recognisably Maskit.

Continuity is difficult enough when the same designer works on collection after collection, but truly admirable when designers rotate. The current range of dresses and separates designed by Riki Ben Ari and Lily Darvish, bears all the traditional Maskit hallmarks, yet simultaneously contains the distinctive individual signatures of the designers.

Silhouettes are clean and simple,

with a profusion of trapeze shapes and smocks billowing out into tents of varying proportions. Most of the dresses can also be worn with wide, wrap-around self belts, but look better when hanging free. Prints are few and far between, appearing mostly in marvellous roomy smocks gathered on the yoke (and doubling attractively as maternity dresses) and in Japanese inspired tunics.

Created in pure cottons, Maskit's gorgeous colours reflect the cycle of nature, moving from earth browns to a dazzling garden of lilacs, cyclamens, fuchsia, daffodils, cornflowers and snowdrops in monos and mixes, plus a large slice of drama in black.

Denim, which never really goes out of style, drops a few priority notches every once in a while, only to be revived in grand style. Whenever denim makes a comeback, so do unisex fashions, although their scope extends far beyond denim itself.

The natural association with denim is blue jeans, and Levi's — the pioneer in the field — is still in the lead. The jeans manufacturer Levi Strauss began to produce more than 130 years ago, are today the height of fashion, and the metal rivets which he put on the pockets for California goldminers then are no less essential now. Thus, although Levi's, for which Ata has the Israel franchise, have expanded into sports and leisure wear, blue jeans remain the staple.

Carefree rustics are the signature styles of Canaan, the highly successful clothing outlet established eight

years ago by Kibbutz Tzora. Designed by Parisian-born Jacqueline Gal, the Canaan collection of dresses and coordinated separates in pure cottons and cotton polyesters exudes a country air without being rugged, and is trendy without being extreme.

Bell-skirted shirt-waisters are among Canaan's best-sellers. Crisp and sporty in solids, prints and stripes, they are favoured by religiously observant women who so often have trouble finding fashionable, warm-weather clothing with necklines and sleeve-lengths conforming to halachic requirements. Most of the dresses and tops feature bateau, drape or mandarin collars, but there are also camisole and tank-tops for non-observant women who want to show off their sun-tans.

Honigman, Commodore and Alfi are concentrating on mono-hued ultra brights in slouchy separates with brilliant turquoise, strong bright coral and wattle in the lime-light. For cooler days, Commodore has crinkle cotton jump-suits.

At the opposite extreme, Claudius offers more breathing space when summer temperatures are at the zenith, adopting a nautical nonchalance in abstract cut-outs, and a compact colour choice which barely strays from red and white.

Similarly motivated, Englander has used open-weave mesh, for most of its tops. Moi is also meshy in its beachwear cover-ups and has some striking graphics in bi-and tri-tone tunics, sexily cut maillots and well-shaped bikinis.

The brightest point on Israel's

spring/summer horizon is the big breakthrough in men's wear. Barriers of conservatism are being cast aside to make way for the new, dapper Israeli male whose own Mediterranean style is modelled on that of Italy.

Believe it or not, the better-dressed Israeli man will be wearing three-piece suits in summer. Shayback is producing them in white, beige and pale grey with a navy pin stripe. Worn with open-neck shirts, enhanced occasionally by a cravat — but never a tie — the suits include straight-legged pants, cut-away vests and deep-vented jackets. Shayback's sports jacket interest is in pleated side seams which are the key contributors to the back layered effects.

Adventurous detailing lends new excitement to shirts, with some of the best examples by Sir Lucky, which incorporates air-holes into sleeve gussets and subtle colour contrasts into inverted sleeve and back pleats. The "hidden" colour surfaces with body mobility. Pull-on polo shirts, sweat-shirts and T-shirts in vivid colour blocks and stripes are out-pacing traditional button-downs.

It isn't novel for Israeli men to wear vibrantly hued tops, but so far they haven't taken shock-colour pants in their stride. Hom and For-sche are two of the companies leading the forward march to colour and we can expect to see lots of red, cobalt, lilac and lemon on the streets.

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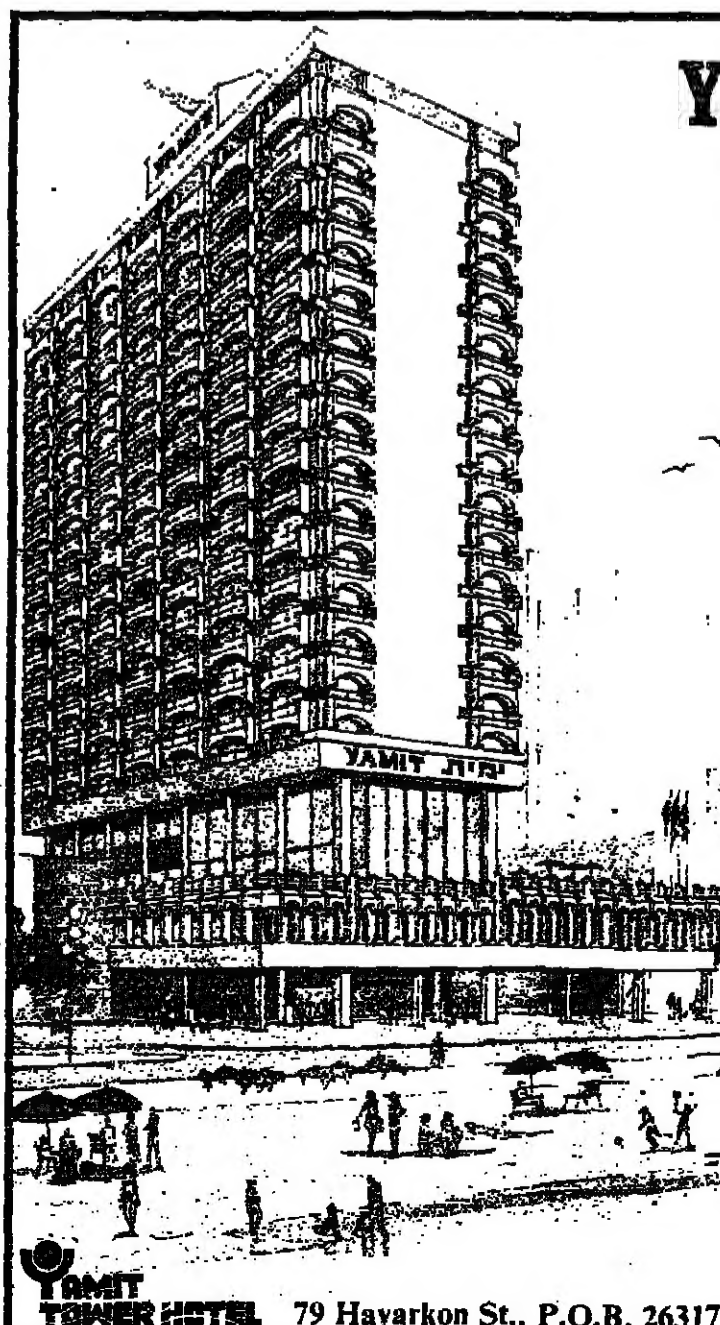


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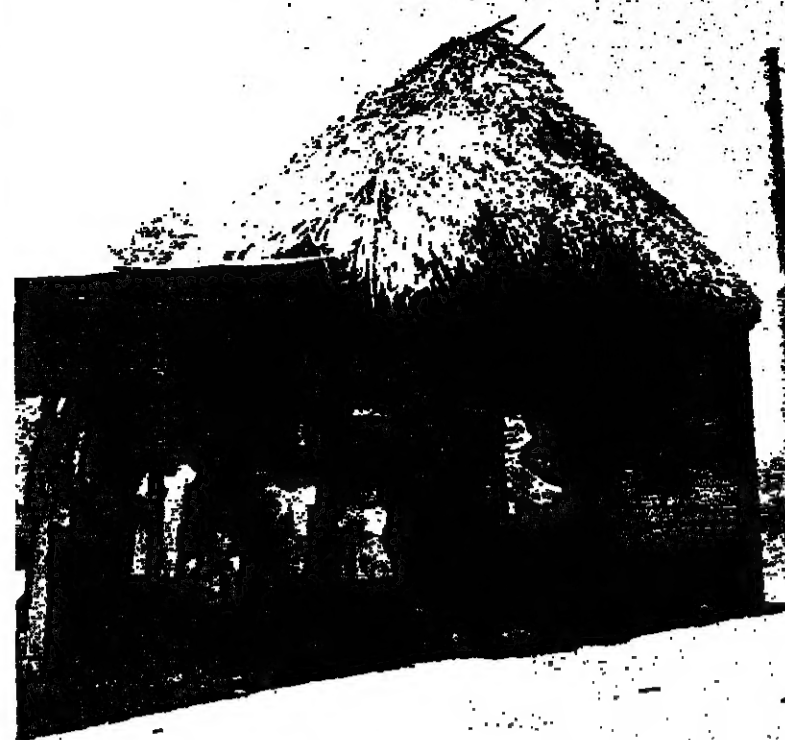
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Mexico cuts its deficit by half

By GWYNNE DYER / Special to The Jerusalem Post



A peasant house near Chetumal — not much left to lose

"EITHER WE pay up or we eat. We can't do both at the same time," said the leader of Mexico's small socialist opposition party a year ago, and called for Mexico to suspend payments on its enormous \$85 billion foreign debt. The newly elected president, Miguel de la Madrid Hurtado, ignored this advice, and set out to cut the country's huge deficit by half in a single year.

Even some foreign bankers worried whether the 75 million Mexicans would stand for it. "My personal view," said one, "is that it would be no surprise if a series of popular uprisings began all over the country. These could lead to government repression, and then to a state of virtual anarchy culminating in a military takeover." Even President de la Madrid admitted last August that he had the impression he was living over a volcano.

But now Mexico is the darling of the banking community. It has paid all its debts on time, the national budget deficit has duly been cut from a staggering 18 per cent of the entire gross national product in 1982 to the 8.5 per cent demanded by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for 1983, and inflation fell from 100 per cent to 53.8 per cent in only eight months.

The IMF gave Mexico its ultimate seal of approval in December by granting it a 10-year \$3.8 billion loan on relatively easy terms to cover its 1984 requirements. "If somebody had suddenly told President Reagan, 'Cut your deficit in half,' the answer would have been 'Impossible,'" said an exultant British banker. "But the Mexicans have done it."

THE HUMAN COST, however, has not yet been calculated, and nobody knows it better than the economy minister who achieved the impossible, Jesus Silva-Herzog Flores. "One year ago we were written off," he said soberly. "The same people who wrote that now tell the world that we have recovered. Let us wait and see."

The austerity programme is working, and this year Silva-Herzog plans to cut the budget deficit even further to only 5 per cent of GNP. The results for the economy,

however, have been dire: a 5 per cent negative growth rate last year, and only a slim hope that it will recover to zero by the end of this year.

In a country where two people out of every five do not have a permanent job, and almost two-thirds are chronically undernourished, the personal misery caused by these cuts is overwhelming. Silva-Herzog understands the danger.

"There is a margin of tolerance in the public. People have understood that belts must be tightened. But in a country like Mexico — where 50 per cent of the population are poverty-stricken peasants and in-

dians — there are many who cannot afford a belt. So what do you tighten?" Nevertheless, Silva-Herzog can see no option but to continue on his present course.

President de la Madrid backs him all the way: "There is no option... It has happened because we were spending more than we could produce, and for a long time we could borrow to cover the difference. The crisis is not over. The only thing we can say is that the government has the worst aspects under control."

MEXICO'S ABILITY to push through such drastic measures without facing popular revolt has a

great deal to do with the fact that it is the world's oldest and most deeply entrenched one-party state. The Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) has held power for 50 unbroken years, and though small opposition parties are now allowed to run in elections, they are not permitted to win very many of them.

What is really institutionalized in Mexico is not revolution but corruption: the PRI extends everywhere, and anybody who could cause trouble is simply bought off and incorporated into the patronage system. Thus, for example, the PRI-dominated trade union movement and the employers' federation signed a "solidarity pact" last August which effectively ratified the huge cuts in workers' living standards.

De la Madrid's attack on massive corruption at the higher levels of government must not, therefore, be extended to the lower levels where it is the foundation of the PRI's power — and it will not be. Nevertheless, as an American financial analyst in Mexico City said: "What de la Madrid faces is a race... between, on the one hand, Mexico's economic recovery, and on the other, growing social unrest."

Mexico is still the world's fourth-largest oil producer. If world oil prices do not collapse further, Economy Minister Silva-Herzog believes the economy could be growing again at a 5 per cent rate by early 1986. Then he will have won the race. But in the meantime the memory of the 1910 revolution must haunt Mexican political leaders.

"There isn't even the embryo of a genuinely revolutionary left-wing organization in Mexico," said a foreign diplomat — but neither was there any organization or warning before the cataclysmic outbreak of 1910. As a working-class university student remarked about his own character (and that of most poor Mexicans): "I'm placid by nature. I'm patient and will suffer a lot of pain, even humiliation, before I'm roused to anger. But the point comes when I forget everything, get into a terrible rage and lose control. You should see me then."

That is what lies in wait for Mexico if de la Madrid loses his race.

India's biggest cult figure

By STEPHEN R. WILSON / Puttaparthi, India

THEY sit cross-legged in a semicircle on the sandy earth, their eyes closed and heads bowed in meditation. OMs flow out of the Hindu temple before them.

Suddenly, the chanting stops, and a 5-foot-tall man with a huge Afro hairdo, red lips and a full-length orange robe, emerges from the shrine.

The hundreds of disciples strain to glimpse their guru. Women kiss his bare feet as he slowly walks among them, sprinkling them with sacred ash that he seems to materialize out of thin air.

After collecting letters from devotees seeking his advice, he picks a dozen people for a private audience and disappears into the pastel-coloured temple.

It is the typical early-morning *darshan*, or daily blessing ceremony, of the 57-year-old Indian guru called Sai Baba.

Sai Baba, which means "divine mother and father" has become the biggest cult figure in India since Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, the Beatles' guru and founder of Transcendental Meditation.

He also commands a greater following here than Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, the guru who left India in 1981 to set up a controversial commune of about 2,500 followers in the State of Oregon, in the U.S.

This remote South Indian community in Andhra Pradesh State is the site of Sai Baba's sprawling ashram, or hermitage, called Prashanti Nilayan — "Abode of Supreme Peace."

ABOUT A three-hour drive from the nearest city, Bangalore, the

commune lies in a barren valley of rocky hills, cactus, plants and coconut trees.

The complex includes a university, dormitory-style housing, cafeteria and bookstore. About 1,000 people live there, while other guests come for a few days, weeks or months at a time.

The worshippers pay the equivalent of less than one U.S. dollar a day for food and lodging. Most are Indian, but visitors from 40 countries make pilgrimages here.

Ashram officials claim Sai Baba has ten million followers worldwide, many from the United States, Europe and Southeast Asia.

The best-known is 47-year-old Antonio Craxi, the brother of the Italian prime minister, Bettino Craxi. He quit his job as a businessman to live here with his wife and four children.

"Six years ago I met Swami here because of family problems," Craxi said. "But he has started to understand and respect my position. Now I was so full of love for him."

How does the socialist leader feel about his brother devoting his life to an Indian holy man?

"At first he did not agree," Craxi said. "But he has started to understand and respect my position. Now I think he is very open to the idea that everything to improve and ameliorate man has to be supported."

SAI BABA claims to be an avatar, the incarnation of a Hindu god.

His followers say he is omniscient, can heal the sick and wounded, and perform miracles such as stopping flood waters or bringing a dead man back to life.

But Sai Baba is probably best known for his knack of materializing the sacred *vibhuti* ash and other objects. In the temple with his select audience, he made a circular gesture with his hand, and produced a gold-coloured ring for one woman and a medalion for a young man.

He denies it was a trick or sleight-of-hand aided by his long sleeves. "This is my wish," he said. "I think, I get it."

Although a Hindu by birth, he preaches that all religions are one. "There is only one caste, the caste of humanity; only one religion, religion of love; only one language, language of heart." He said while sitting in a swivelling velvet throne-like chair inside the temple's small private room.

Speaking often in rambling English, he reeled off a series of aphorisms: "Body is like a water bubble... mind is like a mad monkey... don't follow the mind... don't follow the body... follow the conscience..."

"Mind is pure soul. Without the soul this body is like living death. Today everyone wants to command but no one wants to obey... Always selfish, selfish, selfish. Fish is better than selfish. Love is selfishness. Self is lovelessness."

"Removal of immoralities is the only way to immortality."

"Start the day with love. Fill the day with love. End the day with love. This is the way to god."

THE GURU is an effeminate-looking man who sways when he walks. His lips are reddened by the betel leaf he chews. Most of his followers are women, but he does not preach sexual freedom as do some other swamis appealing to young Westerners.

Except for the handful of married couples at the ashram, men and women are not permitted to mix. Even at the daily *darshan*, the men and women sit apart from each other.

Also prohibited are smoking, drinking alcohol and eating meat or eggs. The posted rules advise the adherents to "devote your time to spiritual activities and... confine all conversation to spiritual matters as far as possible."

Sai Baba said the ashram is paid for by private donations from devotees. The commune also has a trust, but no one here said they knew its worth.

"There are no money collections," Sai Baba said. "A big trust is there. I don't want any help from others."

Among his followers are a young American couple — Michael and Faith Hollander, who were married at the ashram, and are now considering settling here.

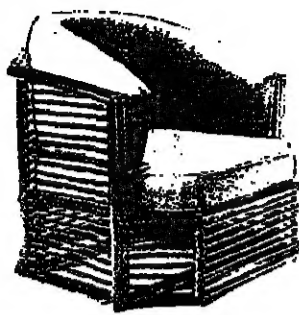
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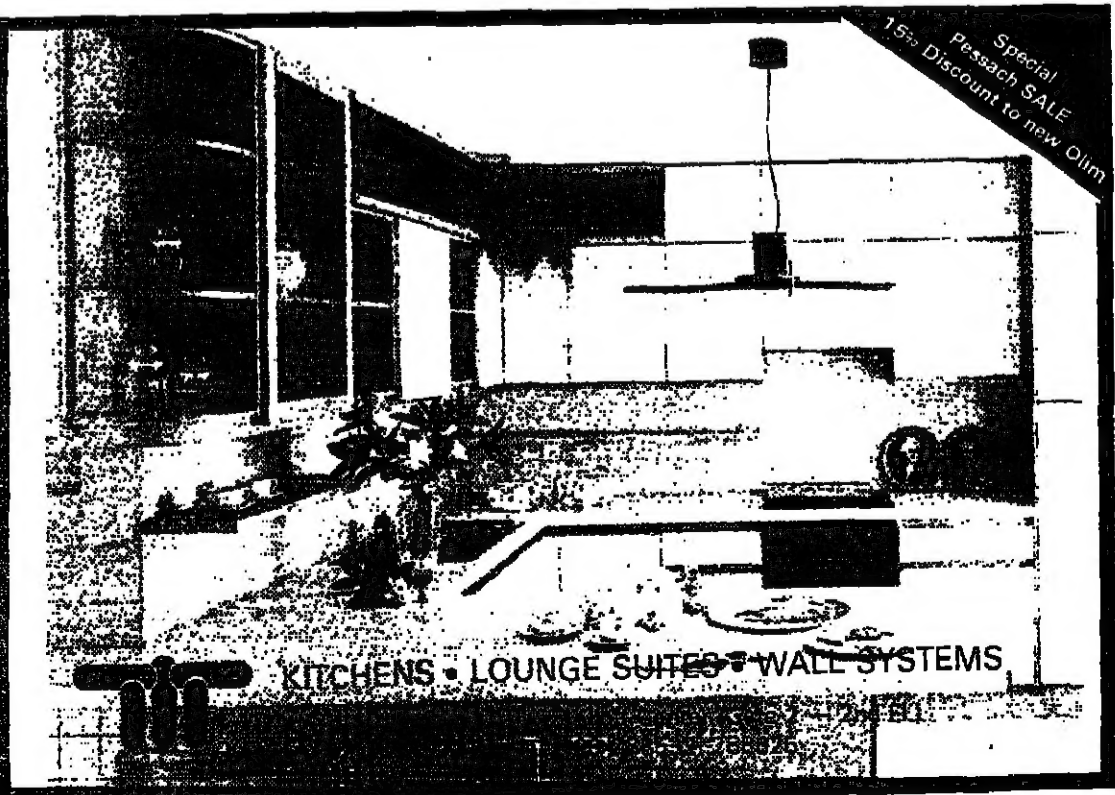
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Beirut's new brew

A NEW domestic political equilibrium has been proposed in Lebanon. The new formulae were disclosed at the weekend, following President Amin Jemayel's lengthy talks in Damascus with Syrian leader Hafez Assad.

The basis for the new equilibrium is the proposition that the executive and legislative institutions of the country should now be divided equally between the Christian and Moslem communities. Until now the Christians, based on their past numerical supremacy, had the larger representation.

If the new proposals are accepted by the Druze and the Shiite leaders, a new government of "national unity" could be formed quickly to replace the caretaker government presently in office.

Much will depend on whether the cease-fire between the warring factions will remain intact. Disengagement zones to separate the factions are also to be broadened in order to consolidate the cease-fire.

If all goes well for Jemayel he will soon be able to designate a new Sunni Moslem Prime Minister to form the new cabinet, balanced between Christians and Moslems, with Druze leader, Walid Jumblatt and Shi'ite leader Nabih Berri, both to serve as deputy premiers. The Parliament will also be expanded from its present 99 members to make room for more Moslem representatives and create a 50-50 balance. In the meantime, commissions would be appointed to draft constitutional reforms reflecting the newly agreed internal equilibrium.

By granting its approval for these arrangements, Syria has given them specific force. The Christians continue to hold the largest single share of power, namely 50 per cent, while the two major Moslem communities, the Shiites and Sunnis, plus the Druze hold the remaining half.

However, while the Syrians can provide backing for these arrangements, implementation depends solely on the Lebanese factions themselves. Success remains in doubt and former President, Christian leader Camille Chamoun, has apparently voiced opposition to the new proposals and, more importantly, the Lebanese Forces, who are the fighting arm of the Christian community, have rejected them outright. The Forces see the new arrangements as simply a giant step in the direction of Syrian hegemony.

Once dominated by the Phalange Party and Jemayel family, the Lebanese Forces have been in open conflict with Amin Jemayel since he bowed to Damascus' pressure and abrogated the treaty with Israel.

Instead of a new internal balance, the Lebanese Forces propose cantonization of Lebanon, which in their view would keep the Christian enclave free from Syrian control, and protect the integrity and the interests of the Christian community.

Without the cooperation of the other communities, cantonization does not, however, seem possible. The question facing the Lebanese Forces, therefore, is to what degree they will be able to play a spoiler role if the Jemayel family and other communities agree on the new course.

While Israel has now disengaged itself from events in Beirut and focusses on security in the south, the government has not entirely relinquished the former political orientation on Beirut which led to the Lebanese war. Thus Mr. Shamir yesterday voiced dismay at the new turn of events, viewing them only as a strengthening of Syria's hold on Lebanon.

Yet since the divided Lebanese cannot block Syrian influence, and since neither Israel nor the U.S. is prepared to engage in an all-out war against Syria for the sake of the fractious Lebanese groups, all such denunciations of Syrian influence are no more than sterile rhetoric.

Ezer Weizman has now revealed that he long ago advised the government privately that Israel should recognize Syria's legitimate interests in Lebanon. Those interests may not be legitimate in a perfect world. But in the real world, where no party, including Israel, has been able or willing to erase them, they have standing. Making believe they don't exist, as the government has done throughout the Lebanese adventure is not only unrealistic, it is foolhardy.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS KAFKA'S *The Trial* and Joseph Heller's *Catch 22* reflect the absurdities and abuses of the capitalist system, and therefore are good reading for Chinese comrades.

But western literature in the stream-of-consciousness style and the existentialism of Jean-Paul Sartre are struck off the list for putting too much stress on the individual.

That's part of the literary fallout six months after the Communist Party launched a campaign against "Jingshen Wuran" "spiritual pollution" — from the West.

Aimed primarily at the obscene and sexually explicit, the cleanup reverberated in libraries and bookstores where many contemporary western works suddenly disappeared from shelves.

As the shutters came down after five years of post-Mao literary expansion, more than 100 detective novels published in the past two years were withdrawn. They had become the vogue and sold more than 30 million copies.

The clampdown alarmed intellectuals, but hasn't approached the xenophobia of the 1966 "Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution," in which Hamlet was condemned as a "poisonous weed."

Some of the "in" authors un-

touched by the latest purge include Shakespeare and Dickens, whose works have sold more than a million copies, George Bernard Shaw, O. Henry, Graham Greene and Alex Haley.

Anatole France, Thomas Mann, Bertolt Brecht, Theodore Dreiser, Pablo Neruda and Rabindranath Tagore were among those given grudging approval.

But Sartre, the French leftist philosopher, has been severely abused by the party for the sin of individualism — reflecting the Communist emphasis of sacrificing oneself for the group.

PS IF *National Geographic* confuses Herodian with Masada, who is there left to believe?

But that is precisely what the U.S. magazine did in its February issue. The error was perhaps appropriate, because it appears in a picture caption that accompanies a long article and picture spread about Jordan which has merit only for those who appreciate deft pro-Arab propaganda.

Thomas Abercrombie, identified as a senior writer for *National Geographic*, weaves travelogue with angled political description designed apparently to please the Jordanians. A.Z.

ARIK SHARON'S political resurrection at the meeting of the Herut Central Committee on April 12 may be the Likud's last gift to Israel.

Sharon will insist on an extreme, unyielding election campaign against the Labour Alignment. He will push the Likud to a position more extreme than that of many of the groups upon whose votes its continued rule depends. Sharon will make sure that the economic issue, often reduced in public discourse to a management debate, will not totally eclipse the cardinal question of the "future of the land of Israel."

Around the Sharon vortex the question of how Israel entered into its tragic stance in Lebanon will twist like an angry tornado. Sharon will blame the opposition for weakening his position and undermining his ability to "finish the job." The recent PLO attacks within Israel will be pointed at to back up his claim that the only effective response to such people is a violent one; and the claim that the invasion of Lebanon was properly conceived, but botched in execution as the result of a failure of (opposition) nerve.

The same argument, extended to the east instead of the north, and liberally laced with ringing affirmations of love of country, will be used to spread the false gospel of annexing the West Bank to "Greater" Israel. Sharon will force the issue in the second case and attract lightning in the first.

But, he will force Labour to define clearly and loudly articulate

The Likud's last gift

By DAVID TWERSKY

its positions on the West Bank and the peace process.

Labour's reluctance to do so on its own can be understood, although not approved. The West Bank issue may be with Israel for an indefinite period; this depends on the always odds-off chance of an Arab (Jordanian-Palestinian) peace initiative, or on their response to a future Labour government's peace offer. When King Hussein talked "tough" in the U.S., he threw a wet blanket on the fire, and his subsequent volte-face endorsement of Israel's Labour party was lost in the smoke. Israeli voters, however, should take note of both the timing and the content of the second statement.

All of a sudden Hussein was faced with the real prospect of a government in Jerusalem eager to pursue the peace process within the Security Council resolution 242's "territory for peace" framework; and in his response, in *The Times* of London, Hussein emphasized that he would welcome a Labour victory and that Jordan's (opening) position was "a full withdrawal for a full peace." The damage wrought upon Labour's position in the eyes of the Israeli public, easily discouraged

and slow to rebound, was not undone. A poll published in *Yedioth Aharonot* on April 16 confirmed that the West Bank is the only issue on which the public feels more comfortable with the Likud in power.

Nevertheless, the Labour position on the peace process is far preferable to that of the Likud. If we have to continue waiting for Jordan and the Palestinians and occupying the territories, this can be done in a way that furthers the goal of peace. Instead the Likud-led heading rush down the road into an undemocratic, illiberal and morally unsound future has rendered the present moment intolerable; bad enough that Palestinian terrorists, supposedly uprooted and scattered to the winds by the war in Lebanon, are launching attacks within Israel; there is now incontrovertible proof of Jewish terror groups operating out of the extreme right. Furthermore, every settlement in heavily-populated Arab areas in the territories is a nail driven into the coffin the Likud has consciously built for the peace process. In replying to Shimon Peres in a recent Knesset debate, Prime Minister Shamir declared that Likud took "pride" in the fact

that at the current rate of settlement, any talk of a territory-for-peace swap would be meaningless within two years. This is the first Israeli government to see the end of a chance for an Arab-Israeli peace process as a source of "pride."

THE LIKUD response is to picture the current situation as admittedly imperfect but still preferable to any alternative scenario: why give up land for a peace with Jordan whose fruits we for the most part already enjoy? Labour believes that the active resumption of the peace process is a critical prerequisite for an Israeli return to health.

Sharon's ascendancy will also force Labour to articulate in no uncertain terms its differences not only with Moshe Arens' current stand-pat Lebanon policy, but also with the dangerous game by which Sharon maneuvered Israel into the war two years ago. Ze'ev Schiff and Ehud Ya'ari in their recent book, *Milhemet Sholal*, describe the process by which the Begin cabinet decided to go to war as Sharon's "putsch."

Arik Sharon represents a great danger to the future of this country. He returned to power in Herut; if

the Likud wins next July's election, he will return to power in the nation at large. Having survived the collapse of everything around him, he will be more dangerous still.

Is Lebanon not enough? This terrible, tragic entanglement which failed, as it had to, to achieve anything, Sharon's grandiose aims should be an occasion for national mourning. There is nothing to celebrate, and least of all the possibility that the man whose war it was might be returned to high office.

Into Lebanon's valley of death, rode nearly 600 Israelis who might otherwise be alive now, listening to Sharon blame everything on Labour's "defeatism."

It is high time to stand up and afraid and face down Sharon's demagoguery and the ultra-right wing distortion of Zionism that he projects. When Ahd Ha'am was introduced to Max Nordau, a leading proponent of the political Zionism he opposed, Nordau asked him "but are you a Zionist?" To which Ahd Ha'am replied: "Yes, I am a Zionist." Zionism does not mean the careless disregard for the rights of others that distinguishes the Likud's "patriotic gore."

Forcing Labour to contrast its world view to theirs, and not merely to run on a superficially "safer" ticket of more efficient management, should be the Likud's last gift to the State of Israel.

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A way of not forgetting

By EDGAR N. BRONFMAN

the quintessential expression of man's inhumanity to man is one thing; to be asked to engage in constant self-flagellation is quite another.

History teaches us that the pendulum usually swings too far in each direction, seldom moving in a moderate arc. There is a risk now that such an overreaction may take place in Jewish-German relations.

There have, generally speaking, been strong emotions on both sides. Many Jews, from all parts of the world, have been reluctant to visit Germany, and those who do often feel very ill at ease. Germans, on the other hand, have felt guilt and a certain degree of self-loathing in recalling the terrors of the past. As time goes on and generation succeeds generation, Jews are likely to feel less emotional about horrors that they relate to from an increasing distance, and Germans are more likely to deny responsibility for what happened in a fading past.

IT IS HIGHLY possible that an excess of German denial may prompt an excess of Israeli suspicion and recrimination. That is the fundamental danger in the proposed arms transaction.

It is not without reason to argue that if the Federal Republic does not sell the Saudis such weapons, other European nations will. It is also reasonable to contend that if Germany sells such weapons, there will be adequate safeguards to make sure they are not transported to other Arab states that could be tempted to use them against Israel.

It is just as reasonable, however, for the Israelis to argue that the weapons sold, even if defensive in nature, would be of use against invading foreigners but of little use against an attack from within, which is considered the more likely of the two possibilities.

In the latter case, the weapons could fall into the hands of a success-

ful revolutionary force, which would doubtless be hostile to Israel. I have no military expertise, and I do not understand the difference between defensive and offensive weaponry. From my uneducated point of view, all of them kill.

What is left unsaid in all these arguments is the basic change in German-Jewish relations that such a sale might create. Beginning with the days of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, those relations have improved steadily. (I can recall my own father's incredulity when the Federal Republic and the State of Israel exchanged ambassadors in 1965.)

The Federal Republic has been Israel's champion — and to its credit — sometimes Israel's only friend — in dealing with the European Economic Community.

It would be a great pity to set back that mood of mutual affinity by an overt act that in itself may seem

reasonable, but in its essence could, and probably would, stir memories, reopen old wounds, rekindle hatred and reconfirm to many Israelis that they really are alone and friendless in a Europe that has never been so hospitable to its Jewish citizens.

It is important to realize that each year nearly 1,000,000 Germans visit Dachau, where they are firmly reminded of the darkest hours in world history, perpetrated by a German government. Clearly, the people of the Federal Republic are anxious to exorcise that evil through reminders of how low man can sink and how far into depravity their country fell.

As the generations succeed one another, it is to be hoped that while no one forgets, so also the period of self-flagellation will pass and that Jews and Germans can build a new relationship, based in part on history, in part on mutual respect and enlightened self-interest.

The sale of arms by the Federal Republic to Saudi Arabia might well be regarded as being in the nation's self-interest, but it is unfortunately lacking in enlightenment. This is my concern.

The writer is president of the World Jewish Congress.

GERMAN CHANCELLOR Helmut Kohl's decision to consider seriously the sale of arms to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia seems to be opening a new chapter in the relationship between the Federal Republic and the Jewish world.

The chancellor claims that he represents a new generation of his people, who view the tragic history of Hitler's dictatorship somewhat differently from their parents. Constantly reminding his audience, when the subject is discussed, that he was only 14 years old in 1944, Kohl feels that while he was brought up to abhor the Nazi crimes, he and his age group cannot be asked to bear responsibility for them.

The chancellor's public statement that what was done was "by and in the name of the German people" may one day be altered to read "in the name of the German people." Jews, of course, will never forget the Holocaust, and they will never allow anyone else to forget.

Aside from the merits, or lack of them, in the proposed arms sale, a different relationship is clearly emerging. It is very clear that Kohl wants to maintain good relations with the Jewish people and the Jewish state. He would like also to effect a subtle change in the German atmosphere. To remember

READERS' LETTERS

A MATHS MEMORIAL

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — I have just received a copy of the article written about my late sister, Marie Kuper ("A maths memorial" — March 18) and felt that I must write and congratulate you and your reporter David Rudge. It is truly a memorable testimony to my beloved sister — extremely well written — and has given us, her family in Britain, a great feeling of pride and comfort that her work has been reported with such clarity.

We were not able to be in Israel to attend the memorial service, so we are grateful to *The Jerusalem Post* for giving us the opportunity of feeling involved. ROSALIE SHINE Edgeware, England.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — I refer to Philippa Strum's letter of April 8, "Religious coercion." The religious freedom we enjoyed and supported in the U.S. was appropriate for the U.S. The majority of American immigrants (who, not surprisingly, are religious) came to Israel, not to duplicate the American scene, but to establish a Jewish state with a Jewish aura based on Jewish values. HERZIYA AHUYA FIELDS

LAMB SACRIFICE

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — I refer to your report of April 4, "Youth vote to spare lamb earmarked for sacrifice," and wish to point out that the lamb was not earmarked for sacrifice, but for slaughter in order to be eaten at the bar mitzva festivity.

Ethiopian Jews in Israel fully adhere to the halachic code which has made prayer a substitute for sacrifices since the destruction of the Temple. The custom of earmarking a sheep for various festive occasions is common in many other contemporary Jewish communities, such as the Yemenites and Moroccans.

DR. CHAIM PERI, Director, The Wingate Children's Village Yemin Orde.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — Congratulations on Eleanor Harris' fabulous article of March 20, "Learning to say 'I can'." However, while it speaks highly of Benjamin Shafir and the Institute for Special Education at Kibbutz Givat Haim Ihud, and rightly so, it gives an unrealistic picture of the actual conditions in which the teachers and pupils work. Conditions are inadequate and antiquated and overcrowded classrooms are in bad need of repair. DORIS SZTABINSKI Jerusalem (Mexico).

LIV ULLMANN

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — I would like to remind you, for the second time, that my old friend and colleague, Liv Ullmann, is Norwegian.

I wonder why you insist on making Swedes of our few celebrities? Liv and her mother Janna are from Trondelag and do not try telling people from that part of the country that they are not Norwegians! (I am referring to your picture caption of March 25).

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